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REPORT

of

THE MEDICAL OFFICER

OF HEALTH

for the

URBAN DISTRICT OF HORNSEA

YEAR, 1955



# HORNSEA URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1955

To the Chairman and Members of the Urban District Council of Hornsea.

Sir, or Madam,

I beg to submit my Annual Report as Medical Officer of Health for the year ended 31st December, 1955.

The vital statistics shew little change from the previous year. The majority of the births continue to take place in maternity units outside the urban district, only one quarter of the total births occurring within the district during the year.

The notifications of infectious disease were low but included two cases of acute poliomyelitis.

### Rainfall.

The rainfall was considerably below the average, 17.73 inches being recorded, the average rainfall over the past 10 years being 23.28 inches. August was the driest month with 0.61 inches and May the wettest with 2.99 inches.

### Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area 3292 acres inclusive of inland water.

Resident population as computed by the Registrar-General mid. 1955 .....	5470
Number of inhabited houses (based on I.R. Statistical Analysis .....	1877
Rateable Value .....	£44,315.
Sum represented by a 1d. rate .....	£176.16.11

	<u>Total</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>
Live Births	73	35	38
Legitimate	70	33	37
Illegitimate	3	1	2
Still Births (all legitimate)	3	1	2

Birth Rate per 1000 estimated population .....	13.3
Birth Rate for England and Wales per 1000 estimated population .....	15.0

	<u>Total</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>
Deaths	82	40	42

Death rate per 1000 estimated population .....	15.0
Death rate for England and Wales per 1000 estimated population .....	11.7

Deaths from puerperal causes .....	0
Deaths from cancer .....	14
Deaths from measles .....	0
Deaths from whooping cough .....	0
Deaths of infants under one year of age .....	1



## General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

Towards the end of the year a new ambulance station, erected on a site acquired by the County Council on the Hornsea Burton housing estate, was brought into use. The building provides garage accommodation for two ambulances, and facilities for the ambulance staff during their hours of duty.

## Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

### Water.

Water is purchased in bulk from the Hull Corporation and is distributed by the Council. The consumption during 1955 was 69,981,000 gallons, an amount which is equivalent to 35 gallons per head of population per day.

### Drainage and Sewerage.

No major developments have occurred during the year. The system has been extended by 222 yards of salt glazed sewer, which has been laid to serve residential estates.

### Public Cleansing.

The method of disposal of house refuse is by incineration, the material being collected by motor transport at intervals of about 9 days. A new Karrier Gamecock vehicle was purchased in the year.

There has been a steady demand for both baled paper and baled tins.

## Sanitary Inspections of the Area.

	<u>Inspections.</u>	<u>No. in District.</u>
Bakehouses	4	4
Drainage Works	64	
Rats and Mice	91	
Shops	42	136
Dwellinghouses	187	
Water Supplies	25	
Food Premises	92	
Moveable Dwellings	68	

### Camping Sites.

No. of sites in the area which are used for camping purposes .....	8
No. of camping sites in respect of which licences have been issued by the Local Authority under Section 269, Public Health Act, 1936 .....	7
Estimated number of campers resident in the area at one time during the summer months .....	2200
Estimated number of caravans, sheds, etc., which were used as permanent dwellings in the area .....	80

Considerable improvement from the standpoint of sanitation and amenities remains to be effected before some of the sites can be considered satisfactory.





## Housing.

### Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year.

(1) (a)	Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) .....	98
(b)	No. of inspections made for the purpose .....	157
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses (including under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932 .....	61
(3)	Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for habitation .....	4
(4)	Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation .....	62

### Housing Repairs and Rents Acts, 1954, Section 1.

The Council submitted proposals under the above act to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government which were subsequently approved, and these provided for 40 houses to be demolished over the next 5 years, 37 being dealt with in Clearance Areas and 3 as unfit houses.

### Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices.

No. of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers ..... 18

### Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

(a)	Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.	
(1)	No. of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	3
(2)	No. of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :-	
(a)	By owners .....	4
(b)	By Local Authority in default of owners .....	0
(b)	Proceedings under Section 10 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953.	
	No. of dwellinghouses in respect of which demolition has been considered inexpedient because of effect on other houses .....	0
(c)	Proceedings under the Public Health Acts.	
(1)	No. of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied .....	0
(2)	No. of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal Notices :-	
(a)	By owners .....	0
(b)	By Local Authority in default of owners .....	0





(d) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.

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| (1) No. of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ..... | 1 |
| (2) No. of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders .....    | 1 |

(e) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.

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| (1) No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made .....  | 0 |
| (2) No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenements or rooms having been rendered fit ... | 0 |

#### New Houses.

The Council have acquired a site adjoining the Mereside for the erection of a pair of old people's dwellings. Tenders have been received for the erection of this pair and also for an additional pair on a site in Desmond Avenue. Negotiations have also been commenced for the acquisition of a site of approximately one acre in the centre of the township for the erection of a small colony of dwellings for the aged.

Number of new houses erected between the end of the War to the end of 1955.

	<u>Temporary</u>	<u>Permanent</u>
(1) By Local Authority	15	292
(2) By Private Enterprise	0	139

Houses completed during the year.

	<u>Prefabricated</u>		<u>Permanent</u>
	<u>Temporary</u>	<u>Permanent</u>	
(1) By Local Authority	0	0	0
(2) By Private Enterprise	0	0	19

Houses in course of erection at the end of the year.

	<u>Prefabricated</u>		<u>Permanent</u>
	<u>Temporary</u>	<u>Permanent</u>	
(1) By Local Authority	0	0	0
(2) By Private Enterprise	0	0	7

#### Ice Cream Premises.

Number of manufacturers of ice-cream .....	0
Number of inspections of ice-cream premises .....	7



## Meat Inspection.

At the beginning of the year 4 slaughterhouses were licensed, one of these lapsing later ; in another, considerable development occurred machinery being installed for the slaughter of pigs in quantity.

The certification of pigs for the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries was discontinued as from the 27th June, 1955.

During the year, complaints were received regarding conditions and noise from the busiest of the slaughterhouses which could be chiefly attributed to the proximity of the latter to residential property. With the co-operation of the firm concerned much has been accomplished towards the abatement of the nuisance.

A full meat inspection service has been maintained at much expense and inconvenience to the Council for the volume of work has encroached upon the inspecting officer's time to a considerable extent.

The inspections made during the year are given below :-

<u>Animals</u>	<u>No. inspected</u>	<u>Whole carcasses condemned</u>	<u>Parts of carcasses condemned</u>
Beasts	230	24	56
Calves	288	3	1
Pigs	9283	29	771
Sheep	50	4	15
Goats	2	0	0

## Notifiable Diseases during the year 1955.

	<u>Total cases notified</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Hospital</u>	<u>Total deaths</u>
Smallpox	0	0	0
Scarlet fever	0	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0
Enteric Fever	0	0	0
Pneumonia	1	1	0
Acute Poliomyelitis	2	2	0
Other diseases generally notifiable			
(a) Measles	3	0	0
(b) Whooping Cough	1	0	0
(c) Erysipelas	0	0	0

## Vaccination and Immunisation against Diphtheria in 1955.

(a) No. of persons vaccinated or re-vaccinated during the year 1955.

<u>Age at Date of Vaccination :</u>	<u>Under 1.</u>	<u>1 year.</u>	<u>2 to 4.</u>	<u>5 to 14.</u>	<u>15 or over</u>	<u>Total</u>
No. vaccinated	8	-	-	-	1	9
No. re-vaccinated	-	-	-	-	2	2



- (b) No. of children at 31st December, 1955, who had completed a course of immunisation at any time before that date (i.e. at any time since 1st January, 1941).

Age at 31.12.55. i.e. born in year	Under 1 1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1946-1950	1941-1945	Total under 15
No. immunised (whether primary or booster) :-								
1951 - 1955	1	32	37	36	39	264	182	591
1941 - 1950	-	-	-	-	-	107	171	278
Totals	1	32	37	36	39	371	353	869

- (c) No. of children immunised during the year ended 31st December, 1955. (Figures also included in (b) above).

Under 5	5 - 14	Total	Boosters
36	16	52	108

The number of children in the district under 15 years of age is estimated to be 1171.

#### Tuberculosis.

Seven new cases were added to the register during the year of which three had not been previously notified. One death occurred during the year. At the close of the year there were 7 male and 12 female cases on the register, all of them being cases of pulmonary infection.

I am, Sir, or Madam,

Your obedient Servant,

L. FRENCH, B.Sc., M.B., B.S.

Medical Officer of Health.

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